GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3099
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COLLECTION OF TOLL TAX ON NHS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which it was decided to collect toll tax on National Highways (NHs) particularly on NH1 ;

(b) the amount likely to be collected per year by levying this toll tax;

(c) the details of the percentage of said amount to be spent on the repairs, maintenance and upgradation of the NHs;

(d) the basis on which the auction of the collection points of the toll tax has been conducted;

(e) whether the toll charges are very high particularly from Delhi to Chandigarh; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) User fee on bridges on National Highways is being collected from 01.04.1976.The National Highways Act was amended in 1992 to levy user fee for the use of sections of National Highways. Notification for levy of user fee on NH-1 (Delhi-Jalandhar section) was issued on 22.05.2002.

(b) The amount will vary depending on the length of National Highways on which user fee is charged.The anticipated total collection is about Rs. 330 crore for the year 2002-03.

(c) The entire collection will be spent on the repairs, maintenance and upgradation of National Highways.

(d) User fee is collected through private agencies by open competitive bidding, through ex-servicemen agencies, through short term maintenance contract and under operation and maintenance contract.

(e) No, Sir. The charges are as per the rates specified in the National Highways (Rate of Fee) Rules 1997 dated 30th September 1997.

(f) Does not arise.